

OVERSIGHT & COORDINATION



The California Bay-Delta Authority and its staff are responsible for overseeing and coordinating the diverse activities associated with implementing the CALFED Program. Key functions of the Authority include integration of Program activities, oversight of activities that span multiple programs and multiple agencies, tracking Program funding and accomplishments, assuring public involvement and transparency in Program implementation, assisting with regional implementation of the Program, and supporting environmental justice and tribal activities associated with implementation of the Program.

Summary of Accomplishments

The California Bay-Delta Authority was created by state legislation passed in 2002 as a separate state agency within the California Resources Agency to provide additional public oversight and transparency for the CALFED Program's decision-making process. The Authority includes a 24-member board composed of state and federal agency directors, public members, a representative of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, and ex officio elected officials.

Specific accomplishments within the Oversight & Coordination function include:

- Finance Plan adopted by the Authority that provides a framework for the Program defining funding targets and identifying long-term financing needed.
- Annual program plans updated and coordinated with implementing agencies and adopted by the Authority to provide strategic direction for individual Program elements.
- First draft CALFED Program Performance Measures Report produced giving examples of indicators for Program elements that form the basis for measuring progress towards Program objectives.
- Federal authorization secured or \$389 million and federal agency participation on the Authority.
- Implementation coordinated for CALFED-related grant programs funded through Proposition 13, 204, and 50.
- Staff support provided for the Bay-Delta Authority and the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC). Working through nine subcommittees, BDPAC provides recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, other federal agencies, the Governor, and the Authority, on all aspects of Program implementation.
- Regional profiles and strategies refined in coordination with DWR's California Water Plan to better integrate local planning and water management activities with those undertaken by various state and federal agencies to avoid duplicative efforts and better allocate scarce financial resources.
- Information and public forum provided for elected officials, stakeholders and the general public through enhanced communications, including media relations, electronic newsletters, annual reports, the web site and project-specific informational materials.
- Staff support provided for regular and issue-specific interagency committees, workgroups and task forces to share information and resolve differences in the way individual agencies meet operational and regulatory requirements.

Tribal Outreach:

- Extensive Tribal web site developed that will be available in early 2005.
- Monthly participation with the Statewide Native American Liaisons to share, network, discuss and present tribal statewide issues and concerns of California Tribal governments. Participated in the group's annual California Indian Days event in September at the State Capitol.
- Tribal outreach conducted throughout the state including briefings in coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation on the Shasta Lake Water Resource Investigation Study, and the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation and outreach regarding CALFED Program and other agency grant opportunities.
- Tribal relations integrated into the day-to-day implementation of CALFED Program elements through annual Program Plans.

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Environmental Justice Activities:

- Environmental justice goals, objectives, and performance measures developed for each Program element (ongoing).
- Environmental justice activities integrated into the day-to-day implementation of CALFED Program elements through the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee Environmental Justice Subcommittee, and the development of annual Program Plans.
- Extensive Environmental Justice Special Session conducted at the October 2004 CALFED Science Conference entitled, "Data and Advocacy – What is the role for Environmental Justice?" with guest speakers covering issues such as advocacy and science pertaining to mercury and fish consumption.

2004 Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee Members & Subcommittees

Subcommittees

Delta Levees & Habitat
Drinking Water
Ecosystem Restoration
Environmental Justice
Steering Committee
Watershed
Water Supply
Water Use Efficiency
Working Landscapes

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Clean Water Action

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Central Delta Water Agency



Legislative Actions

Federal Reauthorization

H.R. 2828 (Calvert-Napolitano: PL 108-361). President Bush signed the Water Supply Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act (H.R. 2828) on October 25, 2004, authorizing the federal agencies to implement CALFED-related activities with existing authorization, and authorizing an additional \$389 million in federal appropriations over the next six years for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The landmark legislation, authored by Representatives Ken Calvert and Grace Napolitano, was based on a compromise bill sponsored by Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer along with Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, Chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Working with House Resources Committee Chair Richard Pombo, they gained bipartisan support for the bill in both the House and Senate. The legislation provides federal authorization for a long-term collaborative plan for environmental restoration and enhancement of the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta estuary, as well as needed improvements in statewide water supplies, flood control and water quality.

State Legislation

SB 1155 (Machado) Water Quality Standards (Chapter 612). This bill requires the state Department of Water Resources, in collaboration with the federal Department of the Interior, to prepare a plan to meet water quality standards in the Delta as set forth in Decision 1641 by the State Water Resources Control Board. The plan must be completed by Jan. 1, 2006, and is part of the Delta Improvements Package that outlines several actions related to water project operations in the Delta that will result in improved water supply reliability, including increased permitted pumping capacity, improved water quality, environmental protection and ecosystem restoration, and protection of the Delta Levee system.

AB 2572 (Kehoe) Water Meters (Chapter 884). Existing statutes already require water meters for municipal and industrial water service connections constructed after 1992. This bill applies to service connections built before 1992 and requires that water meters be installed on those prior to Jan. 1, 2025. It also requires that by Jan. 1, 2010 water providers must charge metered customers based on the volume of water used.

AB 318 (Alpert) Desalination (Chapter 688). This bill encourages policy makers at all levels of government to explore opportunities for desalination by requiring water suppliers to include in their Urban Water Management Plans a description of the opportunities for development of desalinated water. The bill says these opportunities should include, but not be limited to, ocean water, brackish water and groundwater. Urban Water Management Plans must be updated every five years, with the next cycle due by the end of 2005.